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SUBJECT: GSP - DIRECT SHIPMENT

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED AN INQUIRY FROM A LOCAL COMPANY H. CHEONG-LEEN & CO. (HONG KONG) LTD. PERTAINING TO A SHIPMENT OF TOYS FROM TAIWAN TO MING ART, 170 CENTRE STREET, NEW YORK 10013. SHIPMENT WAS INITIALLY SENT TO U.K., HELD IN CUSTOMS BOND, THEN TRANSSHIPPED TO NEW YORK, A CERTIFICATE OF NON-MANIPULATION WAS ISSUED BY BRITISH CUSTOMS. NEVERTHELESS, NEW YROK CUSTOMS REFUSED TO GRANT DUTY DREE ENTRY UNDER GSP, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF THE DIRECT SHIPMENT REQUIREMENT, ALTHOUGH THE GOODS HAD NOT ENTERED INTO THE COMMERCE OF THE U.K. AND THE DOCUMENTS CONNECTED WITH THE SHIPMENT SHOW THE U.S. AS THE FINAL DESTINATION.

2. AS U.S. POLICY IS TO TAKE A LIBERAL VIEW IN INTERPRETING CLAIMS FOR GSP TREATMENT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S TAKING APPROPRIATE ACTION TO SEE IF THIS SHIPMENT CAN BE ACCORDED GSP TREATMENT. LOCAL BUSINESSMAN IN QUESTION IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO THIS MISSION, IS A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG LEGISLATIVE AND URBAN COUNCILS AND A WELL KNOWN AND RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY.
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